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SUBJECT: GOP OFFICIALS INFORMED OF U.S. SUGAR TARIFF INCREASE

REF: A) STATE 233477, B) STATE 234057

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS CONTACTED PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF SUGAR AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA), TO INFORM THEM OF USG ACTION CITED REFTELS.

2. GOP OFFICIALS WERE ALREADY AWARE OF USG ACTION. PNB OFFICIAL SAID CONTRACTS WITH U.S. REFINERS DID NOT CONTAIN PROVISION TO COVER POSSIBLE INCREASE U.S. TARIFF, BUT WAS DISCUSSED PRIOR TO CONTRACT SIGNING.

3. DFA OFFICIAL WAS NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO SPECULATE ABOUT GOP REACTION TO TARIFF INCREASE, BUT DID INDICATE HIS BELIEF THAT TARIFF WAS CERTAIN TO DISADVANTAGE
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PHILIPPINE SUGAR IN U.S. MARKET DURING YEAR WHEN EXPORT

EARNINGS, NOT TO MENTION PHILIPPINE SUGAR INDUSTRY,
WERE ALREADY SUFFERING EFFECTS OF VERY LOW PRICES.
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